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Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

Paragraph 1 was previously reported

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25X11. following troop trains
14 and 16 February:

between

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<u>Date in February</u>	<u>Composition Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	1 B, 10 C, 32 F;	Wittstock	Rathenow
	2 B, 9 C, 30 F ;	"	"
	17 B, 37 F;	Rathenow	Grimma
	37 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Templin
15	1 B, 13 C, 26 F;	Wittstock	Dallgow- Doeberitz
	1 B, 11 C, 27 F;	Netzeband	Neustrelitz
	1 B, 6 C, 23 F;	Rostock	Satzkorn
	11 B, 37 F;	Altruppin	Neustrelitz
	11 B, 33 F;	Rathenow	Wittstock
15	12 B, 34 F;	Rathenow	Grimma
	11 C, 30 F;	Rathenow	Wittstock
	7 C, 38 F;	Neustrelitz	Berlin
	2 B, 10 C, 35 F;	Wittstock	Dallgow- Doeberitz
	2 B, 5 C, 22 F;	Rostock	Satzkorn

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15	2 B, 10 C, 37 F;	Netzeband	Neustrelitz
	1 B, 12 C, 38 F;	Wittstock	Dallgow- Doberitz
	6 B, 19 F;	Neustrelitz	Berlin
	6 C, 19 F;	Altruppin	Neustrelitz
	12 C, 25 F;	Neuruppin	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
	13 C, 36 F;	Bernau	Dallgow- Doberitz
	3 C, 22 F;	Neuruppin	Neustrelitz
	10 C, 30 F, 1 C	Altruppin	"
	8 B, 26 F;	Bernau	Dallgow- Doberitz
	1 B, 9 C, 42? F;	Neuruppin	Neustrelitz
16	2 B, 10C, 27 F;	Netzeband	Neustrelitz
	8 C, 31 F;	Wittstock	Velten
	1 B, 3 C, 11 F;	Neustrelitz	Neuen
	6 C, 44 F;	Neuruppin	Neustrelitz
	3 C, 27 F;	Altruppin	Neustrelitz
	11 B, 36 F;	Neuruppin	Fuerstenberg/ Havel
	12 C, 39 F;	Neuruppin	Rostock
	12 B, 31 F;	Wildpark	Loburg
	2 B, 9 C, 39 F;	Netzeband	Neustrelitz
	3 B, 30 F;	Altruppin	"
	2 C, 13 F;	Alt-Brandenburg	Satzkorn

2. The following empty railroad cars had to be made available during the period from 1 to 15 February 1953

25X1 198 flatcars and 134 converted boxcars for Neuruppin;
 25X1 89 flatcars, 40 RRyn-type flatcars and 75 converted boxcars for Bernau;
 31 flatcars for Herzberg; 30 flatcars and 29 gondola cars for Halle; and
 52 flatcars for Erfurt.

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25X1 3. [redacted] a special
 25X1 train [redacted] was to run from Wittstock on the Dosse
 River to Boetzow for the Soviet Army on 16 February.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] troop movements in
 25X1 the area south and west of Wittstock from 11 to 13 February and on
 25X1 the return to Rathenow on 14 February of elements of the 18th How
 Arty Brig (US) of the 6th Arty Div, which had been shipped to the
 area east of Schwerin on 5 trains on 9 and 10 February. This and
 the present information indicates that a winter maneuver was
 conducted in the Schwerin-Wittstock area from about 11 to 13 February.
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] troop units departed from Schwerin between 12 and 14
 25X1 February, it can be concluded that the 94th Gds Mts Rifle Div and,
 possibly, even elements of the IX Mts Rifle Corps supported by
 elements of the 6th Arty Div participated in the field exercise in
 25X1 the area of Schwerin-Wittstock. [redacted]
 25X1 additional units from Magdeburg, presumably army troops of the Third
 Shock Army, may have participated. [redacted] Other
 25X1 components of the 18th How Arty Brig (US) have possibly been shipped
 on trains [redacted] to the
 25X1 area of Doeberitz for further field exercises. There was, however, not
 25X1 been any proof as to this information. In this connection, the train
 25X1 [redacted] running from Pritzwalk to Brandenburg
 25X1 on 13 February can be interpreted; it carried elements of the 20th
 Army AT Arty Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army back to their post from
 the field exercise.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. According to other information, two troop trains
 were loaded in Rathenow with elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US) of
 the 6th Arty Div during the period from 11 to 14 February and, according
 to the present report, these units are believed to have been shipped to
 the Grima area for field exercises.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. These 14 trains probably carried elements of the 12th
 Gds Tank Div. Imminent departures from the Neuruppin area were
 indicated in previous reports, according to which numerous empty
 railroad cars had to be made available in this area. Although
 25X1 Netzeband railroad station is not located immediately near Neuruppin,
 it is assumed that elements of the division were also loaded there.
 25X1 [redacted] tanks [redacted] have been loaded in Netzeband on
 15 February. As also elements of the 2d
 25X1 light Arty Brig (US) from Doeberitz and two trains from Schoenwalde
 arrived in the area of Neustrelitz on 11 February, it is assumed that
 25X1 a large-scale winter exercise, similar to that in the Schwerin-Wittstock
 area, was started there about 16 February. The train [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] en route to Rostock does not fall under this movement;
 it cannot be accounted for.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. Possibly, the two trains carried elements of the 3d
 Gds AT Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps to field exercises in the area
 west of Berlin, similar to the shipment there of elements of the 6th
 Arty Div from the Wittstock area.

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- 25X1 [] Comment. Elements of the 13th Gds Tank Div practiced in the Justerbog area from 8 to 10 February. []
- 25X1 [] Comment. It is possible that the two trains carried elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army or of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, together with the 10th Gds Tank Div including components from Brandenburg and units of the 6th Arty Div and 3d Gds AT Arty Brig, were assembled in the area west of Berlin for joint exercises. See also paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Comment.
- 25X1 [] Comment. Another train with components of the 34th Arty Div (US). Other elements had gone to Altengrabow from 7 to 11 February on one train. []
- 25X1 [] Comment. The identity of four shipments listed in paragraph 1 cannot be determined.
- 25X1 [] Comment. The assembly of empty railroad cars for Neuruppin, Halle and Erfurt was previously reported [] The assembly of cars for Bernau was confirmed by the departure on 15 and 16 February of trains []
- 25X1 Herzberg railroad station is located along the Neuruppin-Loewenberg line. The 31 flatcars made available for this station may have been used for loadings of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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